

Harford County, Maryland
Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
2021 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

Harford County, Maryland has received \$24.8 million out of its total American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation of \$49.5 million. At this time the county has spent \$1.7 million on what it considers to be eligible projects, these would include \$1.4 million in premium pay for eligible county employees who worked during the pandemic, \$248 thousand to replace the air handling units in the main county office building and \$42 thousand for Covid-19 related public service announcements and other communications. Harford County has also calculated \$3.5 million in revenue replacement. These funds will be used for public safety equipment for both our Sheriff's Office and our Volunteer Fire Companies, as well as roadway resurfacing projects.

As for the remaining funds, Harford County has needs in many of the broad categories of permitted uses, such as broadband extension, public safety and infrastructure. In addition, the county expects that a continued direct response to the pandemic will be necessary over the next several years. To that end we expect further expenditures for community health programming and personal protective equipment, practices or technology that encourage social distancing and remote access, and on-going education and vaccine promotion efforts. Also, it is possible that negative economic effects may lag, and while the county's revenue outlook is currently stable that could change requiring the county to use more of its ARPA funds as revenue replacement to provide for normal government services. As further guidance comes from the federal government on what is and is not an eligible expense and new information develops as to variants of Covid-19, the county will be in a better position to allocate funds accordingly.

Uses of Funds

Harford County has used \$1.4 million for eligible projects detailed in the Project Inventory section below and identified \$3.5 million in revenue replacement that will be used for public safety equipment for both Harford County Sheriff's Office and our volunteer fire companies, as well as roadway resurfacing projects.

Promoting equitable outcomes

To Be Determined

Community Engagement

To Be Determined

Labor Practices

To Be Determined

Use of Evidence

To Be Determined

Table of Expenses by Expenditure Category

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
1	Expenditure Category: Public Health		
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination		
1.2	COVID-19 Testing		
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing		
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)		
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment		
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)		
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency	\$248,010	\$248,010
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)	\$42,015	\$42,015
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19		
1.10	Mental Health Services		
1.11	Substance Use Services		
1.12	Other Public Health Services		
2	Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts		
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs		
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid		
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers		
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs		
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention		
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives)		
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds*		
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General)		
2.10	Aid to nonprofit organizations		
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality		
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries		
2.13	Other Economic Support		
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
3	Expenditure Category: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities		
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning		
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts		
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services		
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services		
3.5	Education Assistance: Other		
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting		
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
3.9.	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other		
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing		
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused persons		
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other		
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators		
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation		
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions		
4	Expenditure Category: Premium Pay		
4.1	Public Sector Employees	\$1,426,901	\$1,426,901
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to other employers		
5	Expenditure Category: Infrastructure		
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater treatment		
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized wastewater collection and conveyance		

Category		Cumulative expenditures to date (\$)	Amount spent since last Recovery Plan
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized wastewater		
5.4	Clean Water: Combined sewer overflows		
5.5	Clean Water: Other sewer infrastructure		
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater		
5.7	Clean Water: Energy conservation		
5.8	Clean Water: Water conservation		
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint source		
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment		
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution		
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & distribution: lead remediation		
5.13	Drinking water: Source		
5.14	Drinking water: Storage		
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure		
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects		
5.17	Broadband: Other projects		
6	Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement		
6.1	Provision of Government Services	\$3,514,490	\$3,514,000
7	Administrative and Other		
7.1	Administrative Expenses		
7.2	Evaluation and data analysis		
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government		
7.4	Transfers to Nonentitlement Units (States and Territories only)		

Project Inventory

Premium Pay

\$1,426,901

4.1 Public Sector Employees

Harford County used ARPA funds to provide premium pay in the amount of \$1,000 to all eligible full-time employees and \$500 to all eligible part-time employees. Eligibility based on being under 150% of the State of Maryland's average wage of \$63,426, which equates to \$95,000. As Harford County never closed during the pandemic, and all employees were required to be on-site (no telework) as of March 1, 2021, any employee meeting the income requirement was deemed eligible for ARPA funded premium pay. 1,389 employees received ARPA premium pay on July 23, 2021.

HVAC Upgrade/Air Handling Unit Replacement

\$248,010

1.7 Capital Investment to Public Facilities to Respond to Covid-19

The air handling units were replaced in the county's main office building. The new units use scroll compressors and variable frequency drives on the blower motors and are generally more efficient to meet the energy code. The new units use R410A (environmentally friendly) refrigerant compared to the old units which used R-22. 180 county employees work in this building, and thousands of individuals visit it throughout the year.

Vaccine Public Service Announcements

\$42,015

1.8 Other Covid-19 Public Health Expenses

Production of a vaccine public service announcement (PSA) and July 2021 placements of that PSA. This PSA campaign targets young adults who have not been vaccinated, and it is scheduled to run until September 20, 2021. The total 11-week campaign is expected to cost \$144,515 and generate 3.5 million impressions through 295 tv spots and an additional 200,000 digital impressions through web-based placements.

Performance Report

To Be Determined